

Consideration of the dedication of Section Six Flatwoods Addition Nature Preserve in Posey County

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 202.0 acre property in southwestern Posey County, 8 miles southwest of Mount Vernon. This nature preserve is an addition to the original 235.0 acre preserve and contains forested habitat and a forest restoration block that acts as a corridor between Section Six Flatwoods Nature Preserve and Wabash Lowlands Nature Preserve.

This Nature Preserve consists of a forested restoration block and a significant and high quality southern lowland flatwoods forest community dominated by post oak, swamp white oak, southern red oak, pin oak, and shellbark hickory. The variety of state-listed species occurring at this site, including woodland pinkroot, buffalo clover, Kentucky wisteria, and pursh buttercup, as well as the state endangered Indiana Bat and evening bat, is indicative of the relatively undisturbed nature of this forest community. Many of the plant and animal species found on this property have a southern affinity and are only in a few similar remaining sites in the southwest corner of the state. These community types along with their expected component flora and fauna contain many species that are area-sensitive forest interior plants and animals dependent upon large, unfragmented forest ecosystems.

This tract is owned and managed by the Department of Natural Resources and the Division of Nature Preserves.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

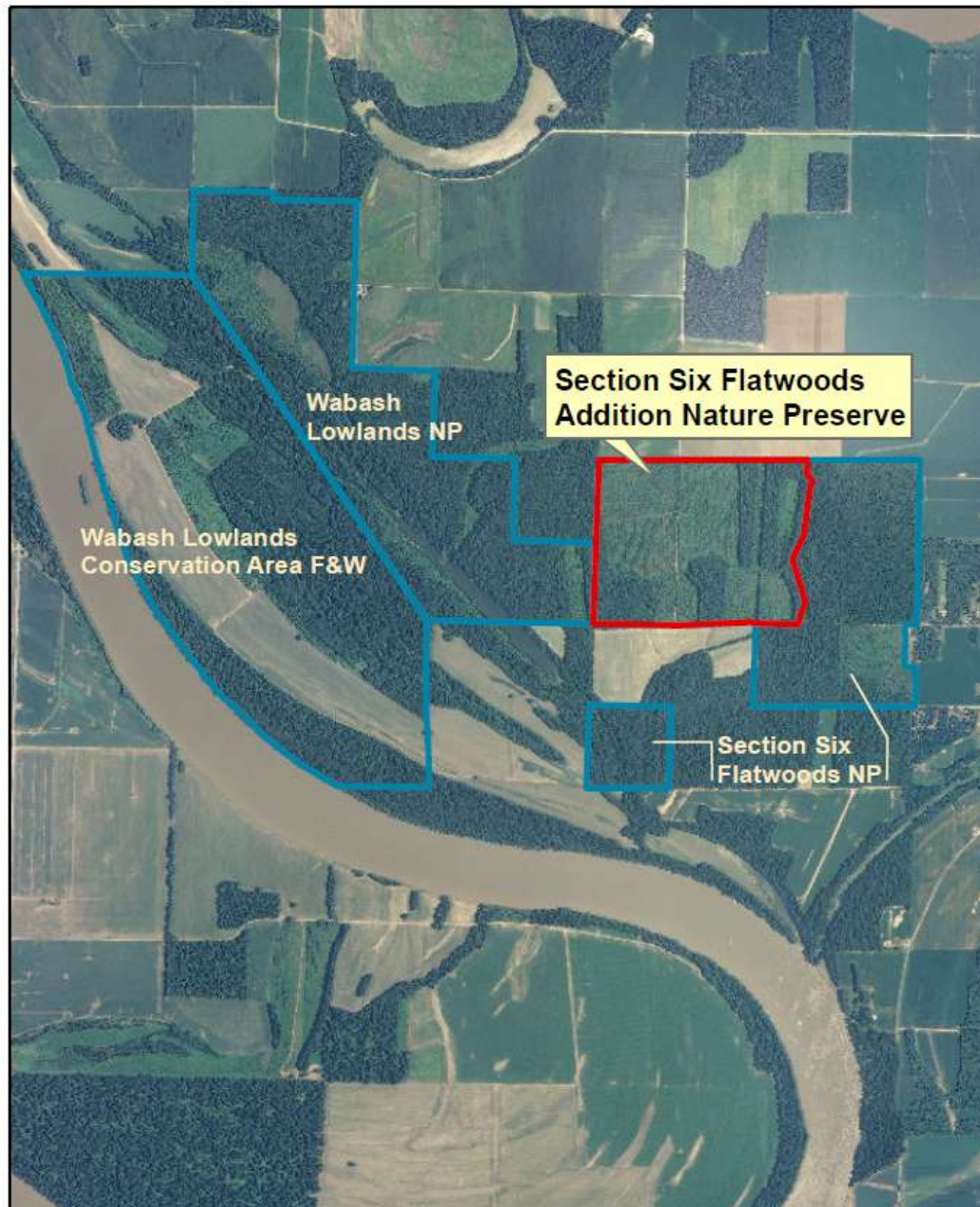
Attached is Nature Preserves exhibit A.

Section Six Flatwoods Addition Nature Preserve

Exhibit A

County: Posey
Size: 202.0 acres

USGS Map: 7.5 Quad Wabash Island
Ownership: Nature Preserves



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